

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A wheel assembly for a shoe, comprising:
 - a housing attached to a heel portion of the shoe and defined with an opening; and
 - 5 a wheel section mounted to the housing in a manner such that a pair of wheels of the wheel section can be moved between an operating position in which they are received in the opening of the housing to be partially exposed out of a lower surface of the housing and a non-operating position in which they are
 - 10 taken out of the opening of the housing to be seated on a rear end portion of the shoe.
2. The wheel assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein the wheel section comprises the pair of wheels, a shaft for
- 15 supporting the pair of wheels, and a support bracket having one end which is connected to the shaft and the other end which is connected to the shoe by a hinge pin.
3. The wheel assembly as set forth in claim 2, wherein
- 20 each of the wheels is rotatably supported by a ball bearing.
4. The wheel assembly as set forth in claim 2, wherein the wheels are structured to emit lights while they are rotated.

5. The wheel assembly as set forth in claim 2, wherein both ends of the shaft are respectively formed with external threads, and a pair of cap elements are threadedly locked to the external threads.

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6. The wheel assembly as set forth in claim 2, wherein a pair of flange portions having a predetermined height are integrally formed on a circumferential outer surface of the shaft at pre-selected locations, respectively.

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7. The wheel assembly as set forth in claim 2, wherein the support bracket has a configuration of a plate, and, by bending and riveting both ends of the plate, the support bracket is defined with a shaft insertion groove through which the shaft
15 is inserted and a pin insertion groove through which the hinge pin is inserted, and wherein the support bracket is defined at substantially a middle portion thereof with a slot which extends in a lengthwise direction of the support bracket.

20 8. The wheel assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein the housing has a pair of semi-cylindrical shaft receiving grooves which are defined at both axial ends of the opening so that both ends of the shaft can be received in the shaft receiving grooves, respectively, and a pair of hinge holes which are
25 defined at a rear end of the housing so that both ends of the

hinge pin can be inserted through the hinge holes,
respectively.

9. The wheel assembly as set forth in claim 8, wherein the
5 rear end portion of the shoe is formed with an engaging
projection so that the engaging projection can be close-fitted
into the slot defined in the support bracket to hold the wheel
section to the non-operating position.